

COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Staff Recommendation

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COYOTE POINT BAY TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS - AUGMENTATION

File No. 07-063-02

Project Manager: Moira McEnespy

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorization for the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to disburse up to one hundred fifty-two thousand dollars of previously-authorized Conservancy funds to improve the San Francisco Bay Trail through a portion of the Coyote Point Recreation Area.

LOCATION: Coyote Point Recreation Area, San Mateo County

PROGRAM CATEGORY: San Francisco Bay Area

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: [Coastal Conservancy Staff Recommendation for the Coyote Point Bay Trail Construction \(File No. 04-053-08, September 20, 2007\)](#)

RESOLUTION AND FINDINGS:

Staff recommends that the State Coastal Conservancy adopt the following resolution pursuant to Sections 31160-31165 of the Public Resources Code:

“The State Coastal Conservancy authorizes the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to disburse an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty-two thousand dollars (\$152,000) of the total Conservancy funds authorized on September 20, 2007 for improvement of approximately 1.3 miles of Bay Trail through the Coyote Point Recreation Area in San Mateo County.”

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds, ABAG shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Conservancy a final work program, schedule and budget, and a grant agreement between ABAG and the project proponent.
2. Posted signs resulting from these projects shall, where deemed appropriate by the Executive Officer, recognize the contribution of the Conservancy and display its logo.
3. ABAG shall require the County of San Mateo to assure implementation of the relevant mitigation measures and the relevant portion of the mitigation monitoring and reporting program contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (attached as Exhibit 2 to the accompanying staff recommendation) for the Coyote Point Bay Trail

Project, adopted by the County of San Mateo on August 17, 2007 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).”

Staff further recommends that the Conservancy adopt the following findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits relating to the Coyote Point Bay Trail Construction project, the State Coastal Conservancy hereby finds that:

1. The proposed San Francisco Bay Trail project authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 (Sections 31160-31165) of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, with regard to resource and recreation goals in the San Francisco Bay area.
2. The proposed project is consistent with the Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated by the Conservancy on September 20, 2007.”

PROJECT SUMMARY:

On September 15, 2004, the Coastal Conservancy authorized disbursement of up to \$3,800,000 to ABAG to develop and implement projects to extend the San Francisco Bay Trail (“SF Bay Trail Block Grant #3”). On September 20, 2007, the Conservancy authorized ABAG to disburse up to \$348,000 of the SF Bay Trail Block Grant #3 funds to the County of San Mateo to improve the Bay Trail through a portion of the Coyote Point Recreation Area. Improvements will consist of trail resurfacing and realignment, reduction of grade, and improved road crossings to increase ADA-accessibility and safety. On September 20, 2007, the Coastal Conservancy also authorized disbursement of an additional \$3,000,000 to ABAG to develop and implement projects to extend the San Francisco Bay Trail (“SF Bay Trail Block Grant #4”).

The Conservancy’s September 20, 2007 authorization did not provide the total amount of funds needed to complete the entire Coyote Point improvement project, and the County and ABAG are now seeking additional funds from SF Bay Trail Block Grant #4. Conservancy staff recommends that the Conservancy authorize disbursement of up to \$152,000 of funds authorized under Bay Trail Block Grant #4 to the County of San Mateo to complete the Bay Trail improvements through the Coyote Point Recreation Area.

The proposed project remains consistent with the San Francisco Bay Plan and the California Environmental Quality Act discussed in the September 20, 2007 staff recommendation (Exhibit A).

PROJECT FINANCING:

Coastal Conservancy (previous authorization)*	\$348,000
Coastal Conservancy (this authorization)**	152,000
CA State Parks	449,713
FHWA (RTP or EEMP)	404,277
City San Mateo Redevelopment Agency	350,452
City San Mateo Golf Course	<u>125,000</u>
Total Project Cost	\$1,829,442

* Under a \$3,800,000 Conservancy authorization on September 15, 2004, for SF Bay Trail Block Grant #3; and a subsequent September 20, 2007 authorization to the Coyote Point Recreation Area project.

** Under a \$3,000,000 Conservancy authorization on September 20, 2007, for SF Bay Trail Block Grant #4. Conservancy funds are anticipated to come from the “Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006” (Proposition 84). The relevant funds are available for expenditure for the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program, including promotion of access to and enjoyment of natural resources. The proposed project will consist of constructing Bay Trail improvements, thus promoting access to and enjoyment of the San Francisco Bay waterfront.

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S ENABLING LEGISLATION:

The proposed San Francisco Bay Trail project authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 (Sections 31160-31165) of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, with regard to resource and recreation goals in the San Francisco Bay area.

Consistent with Section 31162(a), the proposed project will help achieve the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program goal of improving public access to, within and around San Francisco Bay through improvements to a portion of the San Francisco Bay Trail, a regional bay trail system.

Consistent with Section 31163(c)(1), the proposed project is supported by *The San Francisco Bay Trail Project Gap Analysis Study (September 2005)*, a regional plan. Consistent with Section 31163(c)(2), the proposed project will serve a regional constituency, as it is part of a regional trail system. Consistent with Section 31163(c)(3), the proposed project can be implemented in a timely way, as improvements are expected to be completed in 2008. Consistent with 31116(3)(c)(5), the proposed project includes federal, other state, and local matching funds.

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S 2007 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL(S) & OBJECTIVE(S):

The proposed project was found on September 20, 2007 to be consistent with Goal 11, Objective B of the Conservancy’s 2003 Strategic Plan, and remains consistent with **Goal 11, Objective B** of the Conservancy’s 2007 Strategic Plan. Although not undertaken on newly-acquired public lands, the proposed project will construct recreation and public access improvements consistent with Strategy 2.

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVANCY’S PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA & GUIDELINES:

The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy’s Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines, last updated on September 20, 2007, in the following respects:

Required Criteria

1. **Promotion of the Conservancy's statutory programs and purposes:** See the "Consistency with Conservancy's Enabling Legislation" section in Exhibit A.
2. **Consistency with purposes of the funding source:** See the "Project Financing" section above.
3. **Support of the public:** See the "Support of the public" section in Exhibit A.
4. **Location:** The proposed project is located on the Bay Trail alignment, along the San Francisco Bay shoreline.
5. **Need:** Absent Conservancy participation, the County of San Mateo will not be able to complete all the planned improvements at Coyote Point Park at one time, thereby missing the opportunity to realize cost-savings from mobilization and inflation, and minimize inconvenience to park visitors.
6. **Greater-than-local interest:** See the "Greater than local interest" section in Exhibit A.